

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing ~~the~~ a strip foundation in a trench with a longitudinal socket groove intended for receiving and supporting walls assembled of load-bearing panels ~~characterized in that the longitudinal socket groove is formed of,~~ said method comprising the steps of  
forming a plurality of pre-cast socket elements (3) to be temporarily hanged  
over the trench (8), around the a perimeter of the a building layout, upon  
holding/levelling  
adjusting and levelling the elements in the trench by holding/levelling devices  
(5) until being finally adjusted and levelled by the same devices, and  
subsequently poured by pouring fresh concrete in the trench to form the a strip  
footing (4) into which the only a portion of said elements (3) are incorporated through  
a projecting reinforcement (3.3) of the elements.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-cast socket elements (3), ~~according to the~~  
~~claim 1, as an essential comprising~~

a part of a strip foundation with having a longitudinal socket groove  
~~characterized in that the socket groove element (3) comprises with~~ two pairs of round  
inner holes (3.1) and two pairs of rectangular outer holes (3.2) ~~serving the purpose of~~  
for re-rigging from crane slings to holding/levelling devices (5).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ holding/levelling device (5), ~~according to the~~  
~~claim 1, characterized in that comprising~~

a the main truss-girder (5.1) with extendable ends (5.2), ~~leaned said extendable~~  
ends leaning against saddles (6.5) located on top of a pair of adjustable supports (6)  
~~comprising including~~ hydraulic lifting presses (6.1) placed within ~~the a~~ steel housing  
(6.2) ~~with, an~~ enlarged basis (6.3) supporting the housing, enabled enabling the  
housing to slide in two horizontal perpendicular directions, leaned against the on a  
support pad (6.4) whereby, and

~~two a~~ rectangular cross-shaped horizontal bolts (7) ~~are bolt~~ extending below  
the truss-girder and in a same general direction as the truss-girder and hanged upon  
two vertical rods (5.3) ~~pulled~~ extending vertically through respective holes of the  
main truss-girder (5.1) ~~and spaced~~ symmetrically about ~~the a~~ midspan of the main  
truss-girder, whereby the an adjustable length (5.3) of both vertical rods (5.3)  
between ~~the a~~ top of the truss-girder (5.1) and the horizontal bolt (7) ~~is being~~ fixed by  
two nuts (5.4).